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UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT
NORTHERN DISTRICT OF ILLINOIS
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Voluntary Petition

(This page must be completed and filed in every case.)

Name of Debtor(s):

Mariann Soledad Medina

All Prior Bankruptcy Cases Filed Within Last 8 Years (If more than two, attach additional sheet.)


Location Where Filed:	Case Number:	Date Filed:
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Pending Bankruptcy Case Filed by any Spouse, Partner, or Affiliate of this Debtor (If more than one, attach additional sheet.)

Name of Debtor:	Case Number:	Date Filed:
District:	Relationship:	Judge:

Exhibit A

(To be completed if debtor is required to file periodic reports (e.g., forms 10K and 10Q) with the Securities and Exchange Commission pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and is requesting relief under chapter 11.)

 Exhibit A is attached and made a part of this petition.
Exhibit B

(To be completed if debtor is an individual whose debts are primarily consumer debts.)

I, the attorney for the petitioner named in the foregoing petition, declare that I have informed the petitioner that [he or she] may proceed under chapter 7, 11, 12, or 13 of title 11, United States Code, and have explained the relief available under each such chapter. I further certify that I have delivered to the debtor the notice required by 11 U.S.C. § 342(b).

X _____
Signature of Attorney for Debtor(s) (Date)

Exhibit C

Does the debtor own or have possession of any property that poses or is alleged to pose a threat of imminent and identifiable harm to public health or safety?

- ☐ Yes, and Exhibit C is attached and made a part of this petition.
- ☒ No.

Exhibit D

(To be completed by every individual debtor. If a joint petition is filed, each spouse must complete and attach a separate Exhibit D.)

☒ Exhibit D, completed and signed by the debtor, is attached and made a part of this petition.

If this is a joint petition:

- ☐ Exhibit D, also completed and signed by the joint debtor, is attached and made a part of this petition.

Information Regarding the Debtor - Venue

(Check any applicable box.)

- ☒ Debtor has been domiciled or has had a residence, principal place of business, or principal assets in this District for 180 days immediately preceding the date of this petition or for a longer part of such 180 days than in any other District.
- ☐ There is a bankruptcy case concerning debtor's affiliate, general partner, or partnership pending in this District.
- ☐ Debtor is a debtor in a foreign proceeding and has its principal place of business or principal assets in the United States in this District, or has no principal place of business or assets in the United States but is a defendant in an action or proceeding [in a federal or state court] in this District, or the interests of the parties will be served in regard to the relief sought in this District.

Certification by a Debtor Who Resides as a Tenant of Residential Property

(Check all applicable boxes.)

- ☐ Landlord has a judgment against the debtor for possession of debtor's residence. (If box checked, complete the following.)

(Name of landlord that obtained judgment)

(Address of landlord)

- ☐ Debtor claims that under applicable nonbankruptcy law, there are circumstances under which the debtor would be permitted to cure the entire monetary default that gave rise to the judgment for possession, after the judgment for possession was entered, and
- ☐ Debtor has included with this petition the deposit with the court of any rent that would become due during the 30-day period after the filing of the petition.
- ☐ Debtor certifies that he/she has served the Landlord with this certification. (11 U.S.C. § 362(l)).

Voluntary Petition

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Name of Debtor(s):

Mariann Soledad Medina

Signatures

Signature(s) of Debtor(s) (Individual/Joint)

I declare under penalty of perjury that the information provided in this petition is true and correct.

[If petitioner is an individual whose debts are primarily consumer debts and has chosen to file under chapter 7] I am aware that I may proceed under chapter 7, 11, 12 or 13 of title 11, United States Code, understand the relief available under each such chapter, and choose to proceed under chapter 7.

[If no attorney represents me and no bankruptcy petition preparer signs the petition] I have obtained and read the notice required by 11 U.S.C. § 342(h).

I request relief in accordance with the chapter of title 11, United States Code, specified in this petition.

X *Mariann Medina*
Signature of Debtor

X
Signature of Joint Debtor

773-230-8283

Telephone Number (if not represented by attorney)

August 21, 2015

Date

Signature of a Foreign Representative

I declare under penalty of perjury that the information provided in this petition is true and correct, that I am the foreign representative of a debtor in a foreign proceeding, and that I am authorized to file this petition.

(Check only **one** box.)

☐ I request relief in accordance with chapter 15 of title 11, United States Code. Certified copies of the documents required by 11 U.S.C. § 1515 are attached.

☐ Pursuant to 11 U.S.C. § 1511, I request relief in accordance with the chapter of title 11 specified in this petition. A certified copy of the order granting recognition of the foreign main proceeding is attached.

X
(Signature of Foreign Representative)

(Printed Name of Foreign Representative)

Date

Signature of Attorney*

X
Signature of Attorney for Debtor(s)

Printed Name of Attorney for Debtor(s)

Firm Name

Address

Telephone Number

Date

*In a case in which § 707(b)(4)(D) applies, this signature also constitutes a certification that the attorney has no knowledge after an inquiry that the information in the schedules is incorrect.

Signature of Debtor (Corporation/Partnership)

I declare under penalty of perjury that the information provided in this petition is true and correct, and that I have been authorized to file this petition on behalf of the debtor.

The debtor requests the relief in accordance with the chapter of title 11, United States Code, specified in this petition.

X
Signature of Authorized Individual

Printed Name of Authorized Individual

Title of Authorized Individual

Date

Signature of Non-Attorney Bankruptcy Petition Preparer

I declare under penalty of perjury that: (1) I am a bankruptcy petition preparer as defined in 11 U.S.C. § 110; (2) I prepared this document for compensation and have provided the debtor with a copy of this document and the notices and information required under 11 U.S.C. §§ 110(b), 110(h), and 342(b); and, (3) if rules or guidelines have been promulgated pursuant to 11 U.S.C. § 110(h) setting a maximum fee for services chargeable by bankruptcy petition preparers, I have given the debtor notice of the maximum amount before preparing any document for filing for a debtor or accepting any fee from the debtor, as required in that section. Official Form 19 is attached.

Printed Name and title, if any, of Bankruptcy Petition Preparer

Social Security number (If the bankruptcy petition preparer is not an individual, state the Social Security number of the officer, principal, responsible person or partner of the bankruptcy petition preparer.) (Required by 11 U.S.C. § 110.)

Address

X
Signature

Date

Signature of bankruptcy petition preparer or officer, principal, responsible person, or partner whose Social Security number is provided above.

Names and Social Security numbers of all other individuals who prepared or assisted in preparing this document unless the bankruptcy petition preparer is not an individual.

If more than one person prepared this document, attach additional sheets conforming to the appropriate official form for each person.

A bankruptcy petition preparer's failure to comply with the provisions of title 11 and the Federal Rules of Bankruptcy Procedure may result in fines or imprisonment or both. 11 U.S.C. § 110; 18 U.S.C. § 156.

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B 1D (Official Form 1, Exhibit D) (12/09)

UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT

In re Mariann Medina
Debtor

Case No. _____
(if known)

EXHIBIT D - INDIVIDUAL DEBTOR'S STATEMENT OF COMPLIANCE WITH CREDIT COUNSELING REQUIREMENT

Warning: You must be able to check truthfully one of the five statements regarding credit counseling listed below. If you cannot do so, you are not eligible to file a bankruptcy case, and the court can dismiss any case you do file. If that happens, you will lose whatever filing fee you paid, and your creditors will be able to resume collection activities against you. If your case is dismissed and you file another bankruptcy case later, you may be required to pay a second filing fee and you may have to take extra steps to stop creditors' collection activities.

Every individual debtor must file this Exhibit D. If a joint petition is filed, each spouse must complete and file a separate Exhibit D. Check one of the five statements below and attach any documents as directed.

☐ 1. Within the 180 days **before the filing of my bankruptcy case**, I received a briefing from a credit counseling agency approved by the United States trustee or bankruptcy administrator that outlined the opportunities for available credit counseling and assisted me in performing a related budget analysis, and I have a certificate from the agency describing the services provided to me. *Attach a copy of the certificate and a copy of any debt repayment plan developed through the agency.*

☒ 2. Within the 180 days **before the filing of my bankruptcy case**, I received a briefing from a credit counseling agency approved by the United States trustee or bankruptcy administrator that outlined the opportunities for available credit counseling and assisted me in performing a related budget analysis, but I do not have a certificate from the agency describing the services provided to me. *You must file a copy of a certificate from the agency describing the services provided to you and a copy of any debt repayment plan developed through the agency no later than 14 days after your bankruptcy case is filed.*

☐ 3. I certify that I requested credit counseling services from an approved agency but was unable to obtain the services during the seven days from the time I made my request, and the following exigent circumstances merit a temporary waiver of the credit counseling requirement so I can file my bankruptcy case now. *[Summarize exigent circumstances here.]*

If your certification is satisfactory to the court, you must still obtain the credit counseling briefing within the first 30 days after you file your bankruptcy petition and promptly file a certificate from the agency that provided the counseling, together with a copy of any debt management plan developed through the agency. Failure to fulfill these requirements may result in dismissal of your case. Any extension of the 30-day deadline can be granted only for cause and is limited to a maximum of 15 days. Your case may also be dismissed if the court is not satisfied with your reasons for filing your bankruptcy case without first receiving a credit counseling briefing.

☐ 4. I am not required to receive a credit counseling briefing because of: *[Check the applicable statement.] [Must be accompanied by a motion for determination by the court.]*

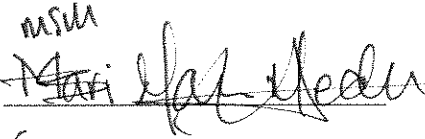
☐ Incapacity. (Defined in 11 U.S.C. § 109(h)(4) as impaired by reason of mental illness or mental deficiency so as to be incapable of realizing and making rational decisions with respect to financial responsibilities.);

☐ Disability. (Defined in 11 U.S.C. § 109(h)(4) as physically impaired to the extent of being unable, after reasonable effort, to participate in a credit counseling briefing in person, by telephone, or through the Internet.);

☐ Active military duty in a military combat zone.

☐ 5. The United States trustee or bankruptcy administrator has determined that the credit counseling requirement of 11 U.S.C. § 109(h) does not apply in this district.

I certify under penalty of perjury that the information provided above is true and correct.

Signature of Debtor: 

Date: 9.19.15

UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT
NORTHERN DISTRICT OF ILLINOIS
EASTERN DIVISION

In Re: *Mariann Soledad Medina*)
)
)
) Case No.
Debtor (s))
) Chapter 7
)
)

List of Creditors

<i>Advocate Christ Med. P.O. Box 70508 Chicago, IL 60673</i>	<i>Cook County Hospital 19 Holliston Way Lewiston, ME 04240</i>
<i>Advocate Christ Med. P.O. Box 4256 Carol Stream, IL 60197</i>	<i>Cook County Health's Hospital 159 South Cicero Ave. Oak Forest IL 60452</i>
<i>American Education Services Harrisburg, PA. 17130-0001</i>	<i>Credit One Bank P.O. Box 98870 Las Vegas, NV. 89193</i>
<i>Capitol One Auto Finance CB. Disputes team P.O. Box 259407 Plano, TX 75025</i>	<i>ESS Finance Co. 900 Equitable Building 604 Locust St. Des Moines 50309</i>
<i>Chase / Bank One Card P.O. Box 15298 Wilmington, DE 19850</i>	<i>Great Lakes P.O. Box 3059 Milwaukee, WI 53201</i>

Debtor/Joint Debtor's Name:

Mariann Soledad Medina

Heart Care Centers of IL P.O. Box 746 Bedford Park, IL 60499	SYNCB / Old Navy P.O. Box 965005 Orlando, FL 32896
HSBC Bank P.O. Box 9. Buffalo, NY 14240	THD / CBNA P.O. Box 6491 Sioux Falls, SD 57117
Kohls Department Store P.O. Box 3115 Milwaukee, WI 53901	XLS / EFA SIX - Student Loans 1 Citi Dr. Livingston, NJ 07039 5703
LVNV Funding LLC Resurgent Capital Su. P.O. Box 10497 MS576 Greenville, SC 29603	Oak Lawn Radiology Trust Mark Recovery 541 Otis Bowen Drive Munster, IN 46321
Lawn Obstetrics 1609 S. 107th Court Orland Park, IL 60467	Illinois Collect Services Tinkley Park, IL 60487 8231 185th St #100
Midland Funding 8875 Aero Dr. Suite 200 San Diego, CA 92123	Banfield Pet Hospital 8000 NE Tillamook P.O. Box 13998 Portland, OR 97213 -0998
Midwest Diagnostic P.O. Box 578 Park Ridge, IL 60068	Violation Management Services Parking & Toll Violations P.O. Box 2006 Great Falls, UT 84403
Mepeco Finance Corp. P.O. Box 5978 Carol Stream, IL 60197	RMA P.O. Box 105405 Atlanta Georgia 30348
Radiology Imaging Consultants 75 Remittance Dept. 1324 Chicago, IL 60675	Santander Consumer USA P.O. Box 961245 Fort Worth, TX 76161

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Check if this is:
☐ An amended filing
☐ A supplement showing post-petition chapter 13 income as of the following date:

MM / DD / YYYY

Fill in this information to identify your case:

Debtor 1 Maricarm Soledad Medina
First Name Middle Name Last Name
Debtor 2
(Spouse, if filing) First Name Middle Name Last Name
United States Bankruptcy Court for the: _____ District of _____
Case number
(If known) _____

Official Form B 61

Schedule I: Your Income

12/13

Be as complete and accurate as possible. If two married people are filing together (Debtor 1 and Debtor 2), both are equally responsible for supplying correct information. If you are married and not filing jointly, and your spouse is living with you, include information about your spouse. If you are separated and your spouse is not filing with you, do not include information about your spouse. If more space is needed, attach a separate sheet to this form. On the top of any additional pages, write your name and case number (if known). Answer every question.

Part 1: Describe Employment

1. Fill in your employment information.

If you have more than one job, attach a separate page with information about additional employers.

Include part-time, seasonal, or self-employed work.

Occupation may include student or homemaker, if it applies.

Employment status

☐ Employed
☒ Not employed

☐ Employed
☐ Not employed

Occupation

Employer's name

Employer's address

Number Street

Number Street

City State ZIP Code

City State ZIP Code

How long employed there? _____

Part 2: Give Details About Monthly Income

Estimate monthly income as of the date you file this form. If you have nothing to report for any line, write \$0 in the space. Include your non-filing spouse unless you are separated.

If you or your non-filing spouse have more than one employer, combine the information for all employers for that person on the lines below. If you need more space, attach a separate sheet to this form.

For Debtor 1

For Debtor 2 or non-filing spouse

2. List monthly gross wages, salary, and commissions (before all payroll deductions). If not paid monthly, calculate what the monthly wage would be.

2. \$ 4500.00

\$ 4500.00

3. Estimate and list monthly overtime pay.

3. + \$ 4500.00

+ \$ 4500.00

4. Calculate gross income. Add line 2 + line 3.

4. \$ 0

\$ 4500.00

Fill in this information to identify your case:

Debtor 1 Mariann Soledad Medelina
First Name Middle Name Last Name

Debtor 2
(Spouse, if filing) First Name Middle Name Last Name

United States Bankruptcy Court for the: _____ District of _____

Case number
(if known) _____

Check if this is:

- ☐ An amended filing
- ☐ A supplement showing post-petition chapter 13 expenses as of the following date:
MM / DD / YYYY
- ☐ A separate filing for Debtor 2 because Debtor 2 maintains a separate household

Official Form B 6J

Schedule J: Your Expenses

12/13

Be as complete and accurate as possible. If two married people are filing together, both are equally responsible for supplying correct information. If more space is needed, attach another sheet to this form. On the top of any additional pages, write your name and case number (if known). Answer every question.

Part 1: Describe Your Household

1. Is this a joint case?

- ☒ No. Go to line 2.
- ☐ Yes. Does Debtor 2 live in a separate household?
- ☐ No
- ☐ Yes. Debtor 2 must file a separate Schedule J.

2. Do you have dependents?

Do not list Debtor 1 and Debtor 2.

Do not state the dependents' names.

- ☐ No
- ☒ Yes. Fill out this information for each dependent.....

Dependent's relationship to Debtor 1 or Debtor 2

Dependent's age

Does dependent live with you?

Son

13

- ☐ No
- ☒ Yes
- ☐ No
- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No
- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No
- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No
- ☐ Yes

3. Do your expenses include expenses of people other than yourself and your dependents?

- ☒ No
- ☐ Yes

Part 2: Estimate Your Ongoing Monthly Expenses

Estimate your expenses as of your bankruptcy filing date unless you are using this form as a supplement in a Chapter 13 case to report expenses as of a date after the bankruptcy is filed. If this is a supplemental *Schedule J*, check the box at the top of the form and fill in the applicable date.

Include expenses paid for with non-cash government assistance if you know the value of such assistance and have included it on *Schedule I: Your Income* (Official Form B 6I.)

4. The rental or home ownership expenses for your residence. Include first mortgage payments and any rent for the ground or lot.

Your expenses

\$ 500.00

If not included in line 4:

- 4a. Real estate taxes
- 4b. Property, homeowner's, or renter's insurance
- 4c. Home maintenance, repair, and upkeep expenses
- 4d. Homeowner's association or condominium dues

4a. \$

4b. \$

4c. \$

4d. \$

Debtor 1

Abriann Soledad Medina
 First Name Middle Name Last Name

Case number (if known)

Copy line 4 here → 4.

For Debtor 1

For Debtor 2 or
non-filing spouse

\$ 0

\$

5. List all payroll deductions:

5a. Tax, Medicare, and Social Security deductions

5a.

\$

\$

5b. Mandatory contributions for retirement plans

5b.

\$

\$

5c. Voluntary contributions for retirement plans

5c.

\$

\$

5d. Required repayments of retirement fund loans

5d.

\$

\$

5e. Insurance

5e.

\$

\$

5f. Domestic support obligations

5f.

\$

\$

5g. Union dues

5g.

\$

\$

5h. Other deductions. Specify:

5h.

+ \$

+ \$

6. Add the payroll deductions. Add lines 5a + 5b + 5c + 5d + 5e + 5f + 5g + 5h.

6.

\$ 0

\$

7. Calculate total monthly take-home pay. Subtract line 6 from line 4.

7.

\$ 0

\$

8. List all other income regularly received:

8a. Net income from rental property and from operating a business, profession, or farm

Attach a statement for each property and business showing gross receipts, ordinary and necessary business expenses, and the total monthly net income.

8a.

\$ 0

\$

8b. Interest and dividends

8b.

\$ 0

\$

8c. Family support payments that you, a non-filing spouse, or a dependent regularly receive

Include alimony, spousal support, child support, maintenance, divorce settlement, and property settlement.

8c.

\$ 240.00

\$

8d. Unemployment compensation

8d.

\$ 0

\$

8e. Social Security

8e.

\$ 0

\$

8f. Other government assistance that you regularly receive

Include cash assistance and the value (if known) of any non-cash assistance that you receive, such as food stamps (benefits under the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program) or housing subsidies.

Specify: *Food stamps and TANF*

8f.

\$ 885.00

\$

8g. Pension or retirement income

8g.

\$

\$

8h. Other monthly income. Specify:

8h.

+ \$ 0

+ \$

9. Add all other income. Add lines 8a + 8b + 8c + 8d + 8e + 8f + 8g + 8h.

9.

\$ 1,125.00

\$

10. Calculate monthly income. Add line 7 + line 9.

Add the entries in line 10 for Debtor 1 and Debtor 2 or non-filing spouse.

10.

\$ 1,125.00

+

\$

\$ 2,250.00

11. State all other regular contributions to the expenses that you list in Schedule J.

Include contributions from an unmarried partner, members of your household, your dependents, your roommates, and other friends or relatives.

Do not include any amounts already included in lines 2-10 or amounts that are not available to pay expenses listed in Schedule J.

Specify: *Parents of debtor*

11. + \$ 200.00

12. Add the amount in the last column of line 10 to the amount in line 11. The result is the combined monthly income.

Write that amount on the Summary of Schedules and Statistical Summary of Certain Liabilities and Related Data, if it applies

12. \$ 1,325.00

Combined
monthly income

13. Do you expect an increase or decrease within the year after you file this form?

☒ No.☐ Yes. Explain:

UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT

In re Mariann S. Medina
Debtor

Case No. _____

Chapter 7

CERTIFICATION OF NOTICE TO CONSUMER DEBTOR(S) UNDER § 342(b) OF THE BANKRUPTCY CODE

Certification of [Non-Attorney] Bankruptcy Petition Preparer

I, the [non-attorney] bankruptcy petition preparer signing the debtor's petition, hereby certify that I delivered to the debtor the attached notice, as required by § 342(b) of the Bankruptcy Code.

Printed name and title, if any, of Bankruptcy Petition Preparer
Address:

X _____

Signature of Bankruptcy Petition Preparer or officer,
principal, responsible person, or partner whose Social
Security number is provided above.

Social Security number (If the bankruptcy petition
preparer is not an individual, state the Social Security
number of the officer, principal, responsible person, or
partner of the bankruptcy petition preparer.) (Required
by 11 U.S.C. § 110.)

Certification of the Debtor

I (We), the debtor(s), affirm that I (we) have received and read the attached notice, as required by § 342(b) of the Bankruptcy
Code.

Mariann Soledad Medina
Printed Name(s) of Debtor(s)

X Mariann Medina August 21, 2015
Signature of Debtor Date

Case No. (if known) _____

X _____
Signature of Joint Debtor (if any) Date

Instructions: Attach a copy of Form B 201A, Notice to Consumer Debtor(s) Under § 342(b) of the Bankruptcy Code.

Use this form to certify that the debtor has received the notice required by 11 U.S.C. § 342(b) **only** if the certification has **NOT** been made on the Voluntary Petition, Official Form B1. Exhibit B on page 2 of Form B1 contains a certification by the debtor's attorney that the attorney has given the notice to the debtor. The Declarations made by debtors and bankruptcy petition preparers on page 3 of Form B1 also include this certification.

UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT

NOTICE TO CONSUMER DEBTOR(S) UNDER §342(b) OF THE BANKRUPTCY CODE

In accordance with § 342(b) of the Bankruptcy Code, this notice to individuals with primarily consumer debts: (1) Describes briefly the services available from credit counseling services; (2) Describes briefly the purposes, benefits and costs of the four types of bankruptcy proceedings you may commence; and (3) Informs you about bankruptcy crimes and notifies you that the Attorney General may examine all information you supply in connection with a bankruptcy case.

You are cautioned that bankruptcy law is complicated and not easily described. Thus, you may wish to seek the advice of an attorney to learn of your rights and responsibilities should you decide to file a petition. Court employees cannot give you legal advice.

Notices from the bankruptcy court are sent to the mailing address you list on your bankruptcy petition. In order to ensure that you receive information about events concerning your case, Bankruptcy Rule 4002 requires that you notify the court of any changes in your address. If you are filing a **joint case** (a single bankruptcy case for two individuals married to each other), and each spouse lists the same mailing address on the bankruptcy petition, you and your spouse will generally receive a single copy of each notice mailed from the bankruptcy court in a jointly-addressed envelope, unless you file a statement with the court requesting that each spouse receive a separate copy of all notices.

1. Services Available from Credit Counseling Agencies

With limited exceptions, § 109(h) of the Bankruptcy Code requires that all individual debtors who file for bankruptcy relief on or after October 17, 2005, receive a briefing that outlines the available opportunities for credit counseling and provides assistance in performing a budget analysis. The briefing must be given within 180 days **before** the bankruptcy filing. The briefing may be provided individually or in a group (including briefings conducted by telephone or on the Internet) and must be provided by a nonprofit budget and credit counseling agency approved by the United States trustee or bankruptcy administrator. The clerk of the bankruptcy court has a list that you may consult of the approved budget and credit counseling agencies. Each debtor in a joint case must complete the briefing.

In addition, after filing a bankruptcy case, an individual debtor generally must complete a financial management instructional course before he or she can receive a discharge. The clerk also has a list of approved financial management instructional courses. Each debtor in a joint case must complete the course.

2. The Four Chapters of the Bankruptcy Code Available to Individual Consumer Debtors

Chapter 7: Liquidation (\$245 filing fee, \$75 administrative fee, \$15 trustee surcharge: Total fee \$335)

Chapter 7 is designed for debtors in financial difficulty who do not have the ability to pay their existing debts. Debtors whose debts are primarily consumer debts are subject to a "means test" designed to determine whether the case should be permitted to proceed under chapter 7. If your income is greater than the median income for your state of residence and family size, in some cases, the United States trustee (or bankruptcy administrator), the trustee, or creditors have the right to file a motion requesting that the court dismiss your case under § 707(b) of the Code. It is up to the court to decide whether the case should be dismissed.

Under chapter 7, you may claim certain of your property as exempt under governing law. A trustee may have the right to take possession of and sell the remaining property that is not exempt and use the sale proceeds to pay your creditors.

The purpose of filing a chapter 7 case is to obtain a discharge of your existing debts. If, however, you are found to have committed certain kinds of improper conduct described in the Bankruptcy Code, the court may deny

your discharge and, if it does, the purpose for which you filed the bankruptcy petition will be defeated.

Even if you receive a general discharge, some particular debts are not discharged under the law. Therefore, you may still be responsible for most taxes and student loans; debts incurred to pay nondischargeable taxes; domestic support and property settlement obligations; most fines, penalties, forfeitures, and criminal restitution obligations; certain debts which are not properly listed in your bankruptcy papers; and debts for death or personal injury caused by operating a motor vehicle, vessel, or aircraft while intoxicated from alcohol or drugs. Also, if a creditor can prove that a debt arose from fraud, breach of fiduciary duty, or theft, or from a willful and malicious injury, the bankruptcy court may determine that the debt is not discharged.

Chapter 13: Repayment of All or Part of the Debts of an Individual with Regular Income (\$235 filing fee, \$75 administrative fee: Total fee \$310)

Chapter 13 is designed for individuals with regular income who would like to pay all or part of their debts in installments over a period of time. You are only eligible for chapter 13 if your debts do not exceed certain dollar amounts set forth in the Bankruptcy Code.

Under chapter 13, you must file with the court a plan to repay your creditors all or part of the money that you owe them, using your future earnings. The period allowed by the court to repay your debts may be three years or five years, depending upon your income and other factors. The court must approve your plan before it can take effect.

After completing the payments under your plan, your debts are generally discharged except for domestic support obligations; most student loans; certain taxes; most criminal fines and restitution obligations; certain debts which are not properly listed in your bankruptcy papers; certain debts for acts that caused death or personal injury; and certain long term secured obligations.

Chapter 11: Reorganization (\$1,167 filing fee, \$550 administrative fee: Total fee \$1,717)

Chapter 11 is designed for the reorganization of a business but is also available to consumer debtors. Its provisions are quite complicated, and any decision by an individual to file a chapter 11 petition should be reviewed with an attorney.

Chapter 12: Family Farmer or Fisherman (\$200 filing fee, \$75 administrative fee: Total fee \$275)

Chapter 12 is designed to permit family farmers and fishermen to repay their debts over a period of time from future earnings and is similar to chapter 13. The eligibility requirements are restrictive, limiting its use to those whose income arises primarily from a family-owned farm or commercial fishing operation.

3. Bankruptcy Crimes and Availability of Bankruptcy Papers to Law Enforcement Officials

A person who knowingly and fraudulently conceals assets or makes a false oath or statement under penalty of perjury, either orally or in writing, in connection with a bankruptcy case is subject to a fine, imprisonment, or both. All information supplied by a debtor in connection with a bankruptcy case is subject to examination by the Attorney General acting through the Office of the United States Trustee, the Office of the United States Attorney, and other components and employees of the Department of Justice.

WARNING: Section 521(a)(1) of the Bankruptcy Code requires that you promptly file detailed information regarding your creditors, assets, liabilities, income, expenses and general financial condition. Your bankruptcy case may be dismissed if this information is not filed with the court within the time deadlines set by the Bankruptcy Code, the Bankruptcy Rules, and the local rules of the court. The documents and the deadlines for filing them are listed on Form B200, which is posted at http://www.uscourts.gov/bkforms/bankruptcy_forms.html#procedure.